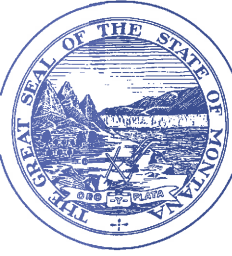


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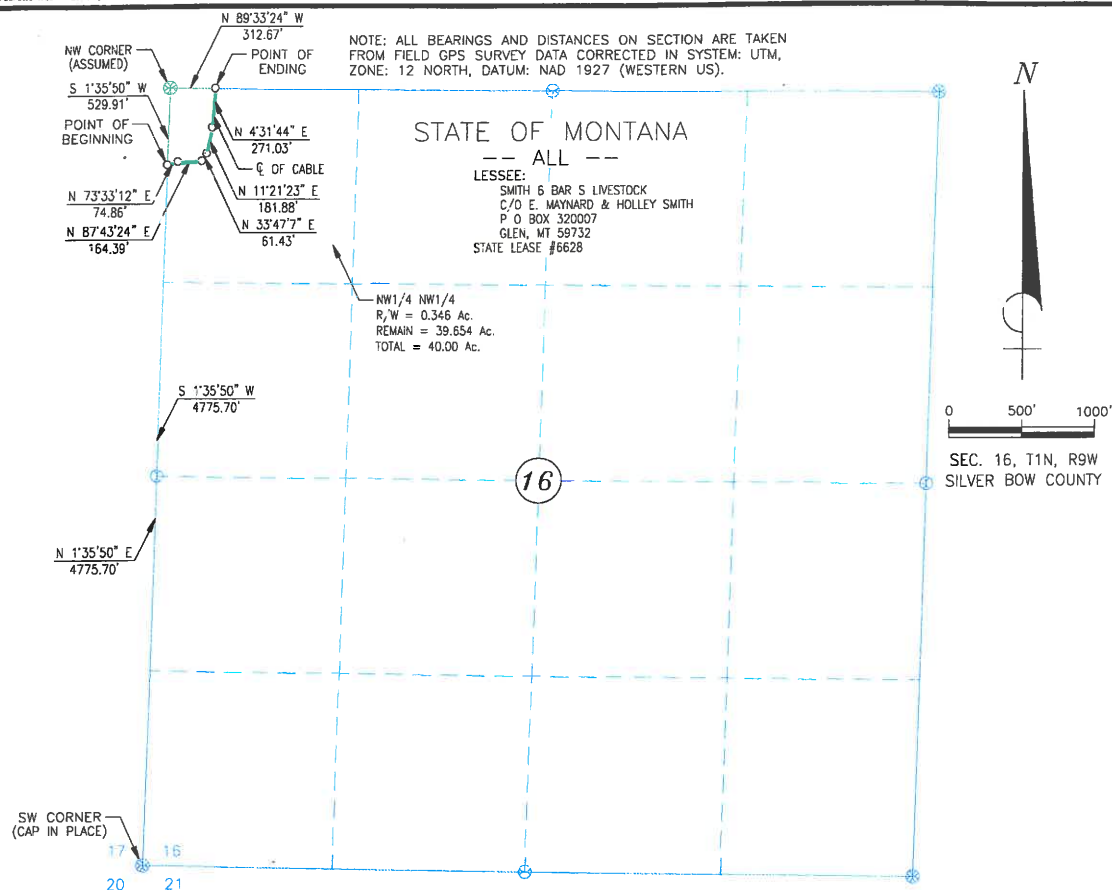
The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) has received an easement application to install a buried telecommunications line upon state trust lands located in Silverbow County. The purpose is to grant a permanent easement to Southern Montana Telephone Company to install a buried telecommunications line across the NW4NW4 of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 9 West for the purposes of upgrading their current facilities and services to the Divide and Wise River Exchanges. A plat map is attached.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act to assess potential impacts of proposed activities on state lands to the human and physical environment. Public comments on this project are being sought in order to complete that assessment.

Public comment will be taken through September 30, 2013. This request for public comment is also being posted on the DNRC website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/PublicInterest/Notices/Default.asp>.

Comments may be submitted by email at dboruch@mt.gov. You may also mail written comments to SWLO-DNRC, Attn: Dana Boruch 1401 27th Avenue, Missoula MT 59804.

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DESCRIPTION

A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR AN UNDERGROUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLE EXTENDING 10.0 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE ALL WITHIN THE NW1/4 NW1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MONTANA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 1°35'50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 4775.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTERLINE AND WEST BOUNDARY OF THE NW1/4 NW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE ON AND ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTERLINE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 73°33'12" EAST A DISTANCE OF 74.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°43'24" EAST A DISTANCE OF 164.39 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33°47'7" EAST A DISTANCE OF 61.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 11°21'23" EAST A DISTANCE OF 181.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 4°31'44" EAST A DISTANCE OF 271.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTERLINE AND NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE NW1/4 NW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 89°33'24" WEST A DISTANCE OF 312.67 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 1°35'50" WEST A DISTANCE OF 529.91 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 1°35'50" WEST A DISTANCE OF 4775.70 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16.

CONTAINED WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED NEW CONSTRUCTION RIGHT-OF-WAY IS 0.346 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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STATE OF MONTANA)
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COUNTY OF HILL)

DOUGLAS B. VANCE, BEING DULY SWORN, SAYS, THAT HE IS THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR SOUTHERN MONTANA TELEPHONE COMPANY WHOSE PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS LOCATED AT WISDOM, MONTANA; THAT THE ABOVE PLAT AND DESCRIPTION WAS PREPARED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION FROM AN ACCURATE SURVEY OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CENTERLINE BY SURVEY CREWS UNDER HIS SUPERVISION. THE ABOVE PLAT CORRECTLY SHOWS THE QUANTITY OF LAND REQUIRED FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IN EACH FORTY-ACRE TRACT AND ALSO THE AMOUNT OF LAND REMAINING IN EACH PORTION OF SUCH FORTY-ACRE TRACT.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME

THIS ____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2013

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA
RESIDING AT HAVRE, MONTANA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN 12, 2016

DOUGLAS B. VANCE, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
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PLAT of RIGHT-OF-WAY on STATE LAND
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SILVER BOW COUNTY

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